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SLO City Council considers changes to noise ordinance

Strategies to reduce noise presented at today's meeting

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San Luis Obispo Police Chief Deb Linden will propose amendments to the city's noise regulations at a special city council meeting at 4:30 p.m. at San Luis Obispo City Hall, 990 Palm St.

The council originally heard a presentation by Linden in September that addressed five strategies to reduce neighborhood noise and party-related disturbances. As directed by the council, the police staff moved forward with the five strategies and will present their suggestions tonight.

In September, Linden and her staff proposed that violators of the noise ordinance be issued only one Disturbance Advisory Card

(DAC) in any 12-month period, as opposed to the six-month period currently in effect. This means that violators would remain on the police department's premises list for one year.

She also suggested that modifications be made to encourage property owners to regulate residents' behavior, including the ability to hold property owners accountable for repeat noise violations and that an early turnover of residents would mean early removal from the premises list.

Police cannot legally enter a residence without permission unless they have information that someone is suffering an imminent risk. Since many people refuse to answer the door, and thus cannot

be issued a DAC, Linden proposed that there be consequences if residents refuse to answer the door during a verified noise violation.

The council also suggested in September that first-time offenders be allowed to do community service instead of paying the \$350 fine.

Kelly Griggs, Cal Poly's Associated Students Inc. president and chair of the Student Community Liaison Committee, sent an e-mail to all Cal Poly students regarding the city-proposed noise ordinance modifications and encouraging students to attend the city council meeting.

Kate McIntyre contributed to this staff report.

Lack of class availability frustrates Poly students and administration

Patrick Leiva
MUSTANG DAILY

Cal Poly students struggled to find the necessary available units through the registration process for winter quarter.

Budget cuts have forced more competition among students because fewer sections are available. Some students are forced to crash classes and endure long wait lists without any guarantee of obtaining their necessary courses. Furloughs have made crashing classes more difficult as well, as fewer students are deciding to drop out of classes since they might not find others to replace them.

Kate Stewart, a business freshman, worried about finding enough classes for winter quarter. She registered on December 3, the last day before open enrollment and got four units. Stewart was forced to crash classes during the first week. She could not get any on the first two days, but finally obtained the classes that she wanted on the third day of the quarter.

"It was stressful having to worry about finding classes especially

since it was a new experience for me," she said. "I didn't know what to expect or what I was doing when trying to crash classes."

Stewart was able to obtain 16

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—Kate Stewart

business administration sophomore

units for the quarter by continually crashing classes and constantly e-mailing professors, but some students are not as lucky.

With classes in shorter supply

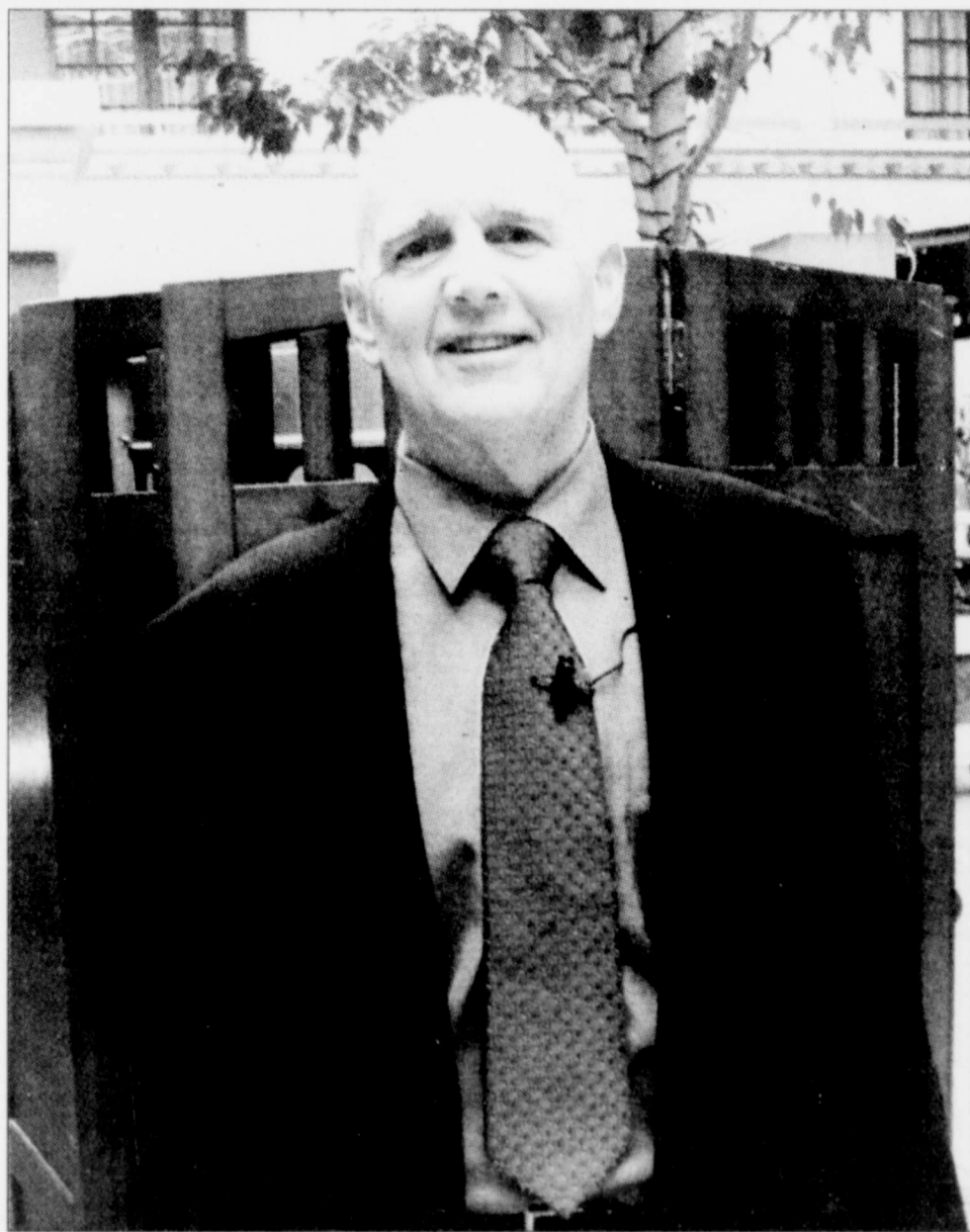
and higher demand for those classes, departments are trying to find ways to help their students during registration.

The architecture department created a new policy that allows certain studios to last for two quarters instead of one. Studios are the workshops for architecture students where they work on designing their models and other assignments throughout the year. These studios are essential to architecture students, because without a studio, the student is set back a whole year instead of just one quarter. The department also removed the ability for students to use their priority choice for their studio.

Alex Vincent, a junior architecture student said that he is frustrated by the registration system for architecture students since they can only register for 16 units on PASS. Architecture studios are five-unit courses, which makes it difficult for students to register for other classes they need, since their need would come to more than 16

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Local physician bolsters student awareness of health effects of alcohol



AIMEE VASQUEZ MUSTANG DAILY

Local physician Jeff Herten, M.D., hopes to educate students on the secondary effects of alcohol with his book, "The Sobering Truth."

Aimee Vasquez
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Local physician Jeff Herten, M.D., is working to spread national awareness about the grave but often overlooked effects of alcohol consumption. His book, "The Sobering Truth," outlines the health risks of drinking alcohol from a doctor's, as well as a former alcoholic's, perspective.

"I'm a recovering alcoholic," Herten said. "I feel a calling to try to communicate with young people to steer them away from what are some of the incredible social and health hazards of alcohol consumption."

Herten, while holding on to his professional life, used to be what he calls a "high-functioning alcoholic." He said he managed to hide his growing addiction to alcohol by drinking only at night and in the privacy of his home. Eight years ago, and after several unsuccessful attempts, he overcame his addiction and committed to writing a book about alcohol and its effects.

Herten currently runs a dermatology clinic on Santa Rosa Street,

and has lived in San Luis Obispo for over 30 years.

"He's an esteemed dermatologist from the area," Dane Howalt, M.D., said.

Howalt is also a local physician and is certified by the American Board of Addiction Medicine. He said that Herten is qualified to write a book on the health effects of alcohol because "Herten's a board-certified physician, and has taken many years of medical school that have to do with the workings of the human body. Before one becomes a dermatologist, they are trained in the whole field of medicine. He certainly has both the undergrad and graduate training in the biochemistry of how things work."

A key aspect of Herten's book is that the long-term health effects of excessive drinking often go unpublicized. These secondary effects include an increased risk for over eight types of cancer, as well as depression, osteoporosis and fetal alcohol syndrome. And, "those effects are usually totally

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units.

"It's frustrating because I have to spend two summers here in order to graduate on time," Vincent said.

Cal Poly's administration continues to search for ways to get students their necessary classes so they can graduate from the university in a timely manner.

Cal Poly Provost Richard Koob said at an ASI Board of Directors workshop, that block scheduling will continue next year for freshmen. Freshmen liked the idea

of having a set schedule coming into Cal Poly instead of having to search through classes during registration, Koob added.

He also said that fall registration will take place in May again for continuing students. Despite fewer available courses offered in the fall, the average student course load went up by 2 percent.

In the future, Koob said that priority registration might be cut since he considers it a "Band-Aid," and students should be able to stay on track to graduate through normal registration. He said that students should take at least 12 units, and the administration encourages students to take 15 or 16 units in order to graduate on time.

Associated Students Inc. has been working on the issues of class

availability and timely graduation since the beginning of the year.

Kelsey Rice, an agricultural business senior who serves on the ASI Board of Directors, said that the transition to block scheduling for freshmen students should help to decongest the classes in high demand. Also, she said that starting students out on the right path is beneficial so they do not encounter difficulties in registration later on, and fall behind their expected graduation time.

Rice said that she has not had any trouble registering for classes and feels fortunate that her major allows her some flexibility in her flow chart, unlike other majors.

"I guess I'm one of the lucky ones," she said.

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unknown," he said.

Herten's goal is to stop alcoholism before it starts by helping young adults make more informed choices.

I've been to a lot of alcohol awareness events," Slette said. "He wasn't trying to use scare tactics. He was backing up all his claims with medical facts."

Some students, however, remained skeptical.

"It seems like when people want to drink, they're going to anyway. It seems like they don't take the effects

It seems like they don't take the effects too seriously until something happens to someone they know.

—Erin Osberg
architecture sophomore

He is putting the information in "The Sobering Truth," and in his currently in-progress documentary, to be implemented in health programs at various universities and high schools across the country.

"Basically, he's trying to educate youth," said Jane Broshears, teacher at the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education and editor of "The Sobering Truth."

Herten is funding the production and distribution of the book, and presented aspects of it to over 30 Cal Poly students Saturday morning. Delta Chi Vice President Matt Slette attended the event.

"My whole impression I guess is

too seriously until something happens to someone they know," architecture major Erin Osberg said. "They take it with a grain of salt."

The National Institute of Health states that alcohol problems are highest in the 18-29 age group.

"I thought it was really informative, and it makes you think twice about some of the decisions we as college students make," senior civil engineer Tanner Bennett said. "We're in an environment where drinking is perfectly socially acceptable. It's the norm. But he's a doctor, to be able to explain such things in such depth. The guy knew what he was talking about."

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Grant money could speed stem cell cures

Karen Kaplan

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES — Dr. Karen Aboody estimates that she has cured several hundred mice of a cancer of the central nervous system called neuroblastoma.

First she injected them with specialized neural stem cells that naturally zero in on the tumors and surround them. Then she administered an anti-cancer agent that the cells converted into a highly toxic drug.

In her tests, 90 percent of the animals were rid of their tumors while healthy brain tissue remained undamaged.

To hear Aboody tell it, that was the easy part.

"People are curing mice right and left," said the City of Hope neuroscientist. The real challenge is convincing the Food and Drug Administration to let her try this on people with brain tumors.

Reams of safety data must be amassed to satisfy the FDA. Scientists struggle to navigate all that red tape. Many don't even try.

Now the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine has stepped in — with an \$18 million grant financed by state taxpayers, courtesy of 2004's Proposition 71, which created the state agency.

Aboody's windfall is just one manifestation of the agency's changing mission, galvanized by the 2008 hire of a director with a track record of moving discoveries from lab to clinic.

For 3 years, the agency focused on the basic groundwork needed to someday use human embryonic stem cells to replace body parts damaged by injury or disease. Such cures are still far in the future.

Now the institute has a more immediate goal: boosting therapies that are much further along in development and more often rely on less glamorous adult stem cells. It is concentrating its vast financial resources on projects that could cure conditions such as age-related macular degeneration, AIDS, sickle cell disease and various types of cancer.

In shifting its focus, the agency is moving to fill a void known as the "valley of death" — a point at which projects are typically too commercial to vie for federal funds, yet too risky to entice private investors.

This is how the agency — with its constitutional mandate to invest \$3 billion in stem cell research over 10 years — plans to stay relevant as the state slashes billions from education, public safety, health and welfare programs to close a gargantuan budget hole.

"If we went 10 years and had no clinical treatments, it would be a failure," said the institute's director, Alan Trounson, a stem cell pioneer from Australia. "We need to demonstrate that we are starting a whole new medical revolution."

Other changes helped spur this new direction. In March, President Barack Obama said he would expand federal funding for research on embryonic stem cells beyond the narrow limits set in 2001 by President George W. Bush, making state funding less crucial.

And since Proposition 71 was passed, scientists have created new kinds of stem cells — known as induced pluripotent stem cells — that can be coaxed to form many different types of tissues but are made without harming embryos and thus are eligible for federal funding.

When the institute handed out nearly \$230 million in October to 14 research teams, including Aboody's at City of Hope, it was its largest scientific investment by far. But it came with strings attached: In four years, recipients should have a clinical trial request ready to file with the FDA. Only four of the projects involve embryonic stem cells.

It is a significant change in direction for an effort originally designed to bolster research on human embryonic stem cells.

Proposition 71 was set in motion in August 2001, when Bush announced that federal funds could be used to study stem cell lines derived from human embryos. It marked the first time money from the National Institutes of Health and other government agencies was made available to the growing cadre of biologists who believed the cells could be transformed into replacement tissues that would cure a range of diseases.

But there was a catch. Like many Americans, Bush was opposed to the idea of destroying human embryos for any reason, including medical research. So he restricted federal funding to about 20 embryonic stem cell lines that had already been created.

Scientists were soon complaining that the Bush policy was unworkable. Many of the lines had chromosomal abnormalities or were contaminated with animal products, rendering them unsuitable for use in humans. Newer lines developed with private money could only be used in separate labs built without federal money.

The situation was also frustrating to patients who stood to benefit from the research. Bay Area real estate developer Robert Klein, whose son has Type 1 diabetes, proposed a radical solution: raise \$3 billion through the sale of state bonds to fund stem cell research in California.

Backers of the California Stem Cell Research and Cures Initiative, better known as Proposition 71, emphasized the potential for these flexible cells to reverse paralysis from spinal cord injuries and cure intractable diseases such as Parkinson's, diabetes and Alzheimer's. Scientists, not normally known for grandstanding, rallied voters across the state. Californians approved Proposition 71 in November 2004 with 59 percent of the vote.

The first grants went out in April 2006, after fighting off legal challenges. Hundreds of millions of additional dollars followed.

USC, for example, used a grant to build its Center for Regenerative Medicine and Stem Cell Research essentially from scratch.

The university hired Martin Pera, a colleague of Trounson's, to lead the effort. It was quite a coup: In Australia, Trounson and Pera's team was the first to show that human embryonic stem cells could grow into mature cells in laboratory dishes.

Within three months of his arrival, USC received a \$600,000 grant to support graduate students and post-docs working on stem cell projects. The following year, the university racked up nearly \$4 million in state funding for scientists to study basic properties of human embryonic stem cells.

An additional \$2.2 million from the agency allowed USC to set up its Stem Cell Core Facility, where staffers can derive, grow and maintain stem cell lines. Another \$27 million helped finance a new stem cell research building. By the time construction wraps



GINA FERRAZZI LOS ANGELES TIMES

Dr. Karen Aboody saw her sister-in-law suffer from breast cancer that had spread to her brain. She's convinced that stem cell therapy can be more effective and less debilitating.

up this summer, Pera said he hopes to recruit two additional research groups using more state grants.

It may seem extravagant, especially in light of California's broken budget. But Pera sees stem cell science as a sound long-term investment.

"This is going to be a key area of scientific research," he said. "What's wrong with making this state a na-

tional and worldwide leader in this technology?"

Until a few months ago, these types of grants were the institute's bread and butter. The agency has financed 29 new labs and more than 350 researchers at 51 California institutes, from UC San Diego to Humboldt State. Scientists funded by the California Institute for Regenerative

Medicine have produced 412 publications describing heart muscle cells, liver cells, retinal cells and others grown from human embryonic stem cells, among other experiments.

But those academic achievements don't matter much to average taxpayers, Trounson said. People who voted for Proposition 71 "want to see some clinical treatments happen."



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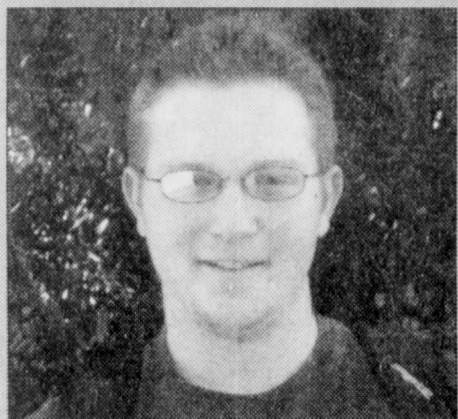
WORD ON THE STREET

"Have you seen any good movies recently?"



"The last movie I saw was 'Sherlock Holmes'; it was pretty good."

-Hillery Nguyen, *biochemistry freshman*



"'Avatar', it was pretty tight. The 3-D action was a first for theaters. I'm excited to see more."

-Brett Witherall, *industrial engineering senior*



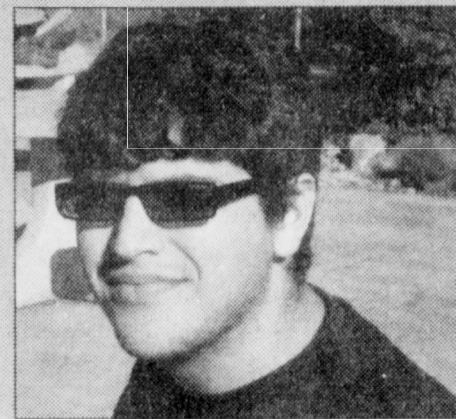
"Yes, I saw 'Sherlock Holmes' and it was superlative. I also saw 'Dazed and Confused' and 'My Sister's Keeper'."

-Eric Duarte, *recreation, parks and tourism administration freshman*



"'Avatar'; it was great. You should definitely see it in 3-D."

-Eva Sanders, *journalism senior*



"Last one I saw was 'Sherlock Holmes'. It was pretty fun. I also saw 'Zombieland' after that in a dollar theater."

-Dominic Camargo, *computer science senior*



"Honestly, the last movie I saw was 'Brothers'; I thought it would be better but I like Jake Gyllenhaal so that's all that matters."

-Ansely Rix, *political science sophomore*

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Haitian rescue efforts continue as window narrows for survivors

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — More U.S. troops, international relief supplies, and former president

and now United Nations special envoy to Haiti Bill Clinton were due to arrive Monday, as rescue teams and residents continue to search for survivors and salvage what they can from the ruins.

Amid a rising death toll and a cataclysmic humanitarian crisis, small miracles unfolded — even as the window narrowed for survivors.

Five people were rescued Monday morning from the wreckage of the Caribbean Market and the downtown business district.

A South Florida rescue team pulled a man and a girl from the market, and declared them to be in "remarkably good shape."

The two had been trapped in the supermarket aisle that stocked peanut butter and jelly, said Frank Mainade, team leader for the Alpha Division of the South Florida Urban Search and Rescue Team.

After being pulled from the rubble, the first thing the man said was, "I ate a lot of peanut butter," Mainade said.

Team member Joseph Fernandez said Monday morning's rescue — the second reported mission where survivors were found after subsisting on supermarket staples — has given rescue workers hope at the site.

"Food has changed the entire dynamic here," Fernandez said. "We're pulling out not just viable, but healthy, if dusty people."

"We can't let this site go," he said.

In Port-au-Prince's business district, three women were res-

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cued Monday from a multi-story apartment building that was flattened, rescuers said.

The women — an 18-year-old, her 20-year-old sister and a 31-year-old woman — had been trapped in the rubble since the 7.0-magnitude earthquake struck Jan. 12. They were saved by a team from Los Angeles.

Many of the buildings in this business corridor, particularly along the Grand Rue thoroughfare where the women were found, are fully collapsed.

To date, international search and rescue teams have saved 67 people trapped in collapsed buildings.

But not everyone digging through the dusty mounds of concrete was looking for survivors.

Alternating between his bare hands and a shovel, Evoieil Dormeille dug through the rubble of his crumbled home Monday morning, hoping to salvage one of his wife's most prized possessions: a passport with a U.S. stamped visa.

"I know it's there," Dormeille, 48, a mason, said. "That's where she left it!"

As rescue teams and residents continue their work, world leaders increased their pledges of help, and made personal visits.

Former President Clinton is set to meet with local officials to discuss how best to proceed with recovery operations in Haiti.

The flow of aid, including an expected request to the United Nations for more peacekeepers, comes as the confirmed death toll in Haiti's calamitous earthquake reached 70,000 on Sunday.

The flow of medical help and

food and water to survivors began showing signs of improvement Sunday, though persistent logistical logjams at the capital's airport — complicated by incidents of isolated violence — kept many residents of the capital from receiving aid.

The U.S. military, which has assumed control of airport logistics, reported the airfield, which now has the capacity for 100 aircraft per day, has received 600 tons of supplies.

The 5,800 U.S. troops on the ground in Haiti and aboard U.S. Navy and Coast Guard vessels off shore will be augmented by an additional 7,500 Marines scheduled to arrive Monday.

As the world watched images of Haiti's ghastly crisis, European nations pledged tens of millions more funds Monday for emergency aid to Haiti, the Associated Press reported. Foreign aid will also include reconstruction help for one of the poorest countries in the world.

European nations pledged more than a half-billion dollars, with 330 million euros (\$474 million) in emergency and long-term aid coming from the European Union alone and 92 million euros (\$132 million) promised individually by member states.

Development Secretary Douglas Alexander said Britain would triple its commitment to 20 million pounds (\$32.7 million) to deal with "an almost unprecedented level of devastation," the AP reported.

France on Monday committed 10 million euros (\$14.4 million) to the United Nations for aid to Haiti and Italy said it was "willing" to forgive Haiti's 40 million euro (\$55.7 million) debt on top of its aid pledges.

Briefs

State

SAN LUIS OBISPO (MCT) — San Luis Obispo might be adorned with more art around town if the city council approves three public-art projects Tuesday.

If approved, an 11-foot bronze sculpture of an American Indian reaching up to the sky called "Oh Great Spirit" would be placed on city-owned property at the corner of South Higuera Street and Prado Road.

The sculpture was created by Nell Banister Scruggs of Woodland Hills and donated by the Ernst family. The piece — which represents the connection among people, plants, medicine and health — is valued at \$90,000.

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SAN JOSE (MCT) — The local NAACP boycotted, but that didn't stop thousands on Monday from boarding the Freedom Train from San Jose to San Francisco, an annual trip that commemorates the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s historic 1965 civil rights march from Selma to Montgomery.

The San Jose/Silicon Valley NAACP — along with other civil rights groups — pulled their support from the Freedom Train this year because the San Jose police officers' union raised money for the event.

National

MIAMI (MCT) — In the rush to donate money to charities aiding victims of the Haitian earthquake, cell phone users have been texting keywords such as HAITI and YELE to five- or six-digit numbers. But the roughly \$27 million in donations made by text so far may not travel to the devastated Caribbean nation nearly as fast as your message.

Under normal circumstances, it can take up to 90 days for text donations to be funneled to charities, said Jed Alpert, founder of Mobile Commons, which runs many text-message donation programs in partnership with the Mobile Giving Foundation. The delay is because the donations aren't collected until texters pay their cell phone bills.

Verizon advanced all donations users had made as of Friday night: about \$3 million, spokesman Chuck Hamby said.

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WASHINGTON (MCT) — This week the Senate is expected to vote on a bold proposal to discipline federal spending, but it's not expected to pass, even though most members of Congress know that failure to act eventually will endanger the nation.

The Senate is set to vote on whether to create a powerful bipartisan commission charged with making deficit-cutting recommendations right after this year's mid-term elections.

International

LONDON (MCT) — After nearly 30 years behind bars, the Turkish man who tried to assassinate Pope John Paul II walked out of prison a free man Monday and promptly predicted the end of the world.

Now a gray-haired 51-year-old, Mehmet Ali Agca declared himself the "Christ eternal" and said in a statement passed out to a scrum of television cameras and waiting reporters that humanity would be wiped out this century.

Later, the hollow-cheeked Agca, who has spent more of his life in prison than out, was declared mentally disturbed by doctors who exempted him from mandatory military service, The Associated Press reported.

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TOKYO (MCT) — Researchers have developed 3-D goggles that could help stroke victims recover their lost vision.

Tens of thousands of stroke victims are thought to suffer from visual field loss, or are unable to respond even if they are able to see things.

The researchers at Tokyo University, led by professor Toshiaki Tanaka, believe the goggles — which use 3-D imaging more commonly applied for entertainment purposes — will help stroke victims become aware of objects in areas of vision where there has been sight loss.

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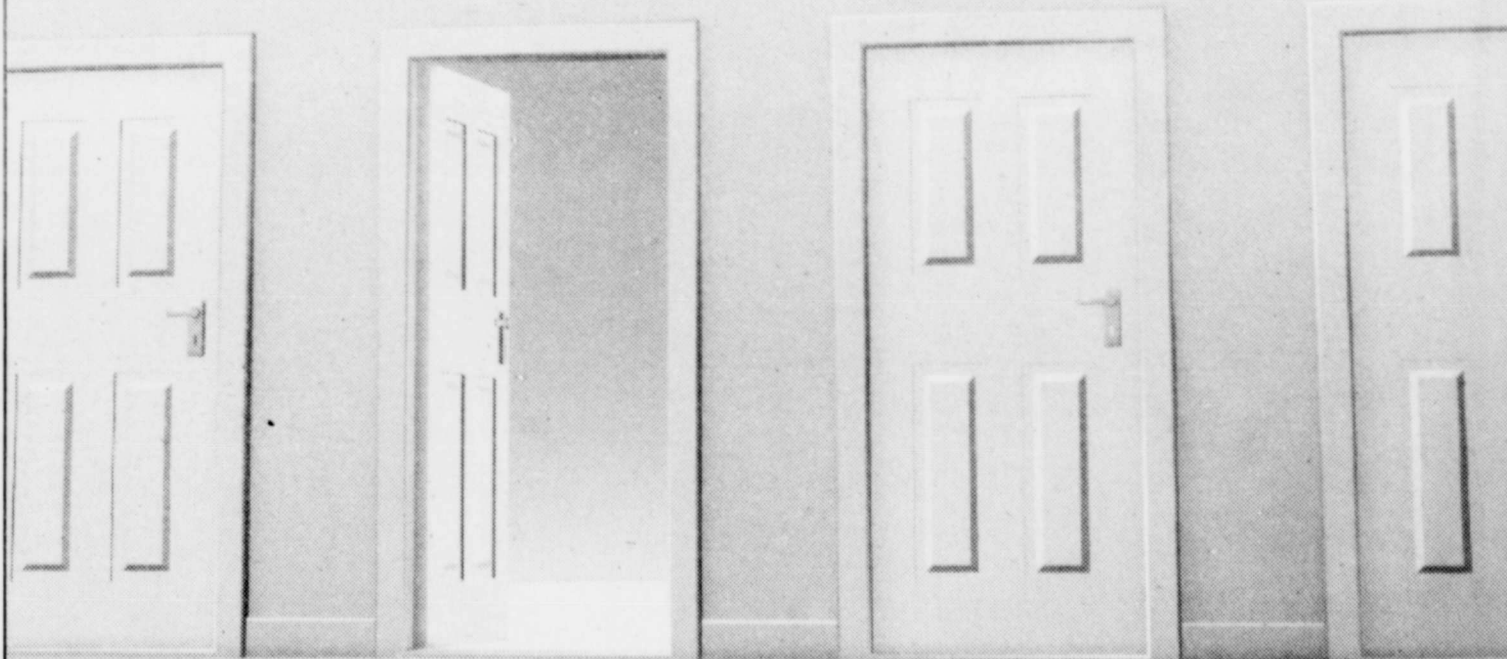
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Obama gets an 'incomplete' in foreign policy for first year, analysts say

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WASHINGTON — A year after he took office to global acclaim, President Barack Obama has yet to translate his mantra of "change" into foreign policy success or to define how he'll use America's clout to advance its security, economic and political interests.

Both Democratic and Republican foreign policy veterans give Obama high marks for dispersing the toxic cloud of anti-Americanism that gathered during the Bush years, particularly in the Muslim world. However, they say, it remains to be seen whether and how he'll employ the diplomatic sticks that are needed to defeat Islamic extremism, advance Middle East peace, back Iran off its nuclear program, handle a rising China and navigate the inevitable unforeseen crises.

Obama "has not yet made the transition from inspiring orator to compelling statesman. Advocating that something happen is not the same as making it happen," Zbigniew Brzezinski, who was President Jimmy Carter's national security adviser, wrote in the current issue of Foreign Affairs magazine.

A former senior official who

served in top posts in several Republican administrations offered a similar critique. He said that Obama took office facing three tasks: to change the global mood toward America, to fashion a foreign policy strategy and then to execute it.

On the first, "Obama's done well, although it's started to sag a little," said the former official, who didn't want to be quoted by name criticizing a sitting president. However, he said, Obama is "having trouble putting meat on the bones of his rhetoric. Is this endemic, or will it take more time?"

Even Obama's admirers say they're unsure what his foreign policy lodestar is, where he fits along the continuum from hard-headed realist to soft-power multilateralist or what his foreign policy priorities are.

"Statecraft is about choice, and choice is about national character and power. It's about grasping the nettle and showing one's mettle. Obama, after his first year, is deliciously — or vexingly — indistinct," Josef Joffe, the publisher of Germany's Die Zeit newspaper and a supporter of a muscular U.S. global role, wrote in The American Interest magazine.

The president and his foreign

policy team are likely to be tested aplenty in the year ahead.

They're trying to revive an Israeli-Palestinian peace initiative that foundered last year after Washington demanded that Israel freeze Jewish settlements in territory claimed by the Palestinians. Critics call that approach one of Obama's biggest tactical blunders to date, and White House aides say the impasse is one of their biggest disappointments.

Obama will attempt to cajole the United Nations Security Council, including a deeply reluctant China, to impose new sanctions on Iran over its nuclear program. He wants to do that, however, without alienating Iran's "green movement" opposition or closing the door to negotiations with the Iranian regime.

White House aides say the president reversed the downward trend in his first year. Obama, they said, overhauled U.S. policies on climate change; the Guantanamo Bay prison and nuclear proliferation; and reached out to allies in Europe, erstwhile partners such as Russia and adversaries such as Iran to set the stage for later achievements.

Obama's outreach "was not simply an exercise in good will. It was essential to lay the groundwork for things we want to achieve" in the



McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

President Barack Obama makes a statement regarding U.S. efforts to aid the victims of the earthquake in Haiti, in the Diplomatic Reception Room of the White House in Washington, DC.

coming months, said White House deputy national security adviser Ben Rhodes.

"On some of these long-term initiatives ... we have only begun to move in the direction that we're going," Rhodes said in an interview. "We did a lot of legwork to

position ourselves to start hitting a bunch of targets."

A State Department official put it more urgently. "We need to get some deals done ... on these headline issues" in Obama's second year, said the official, who wasn't authorized to speak for the record.

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Religious studies assistant professor Stephen Lloyd-Moffett.

and drove from Vancouver, British Columbia to Tierra del Fuego, Argentina over the course of the next year. During that trip, I decided I wanted to be a professor and eventually ended up shifting careers into academia.

What is your favorite thing about Cal Poly?

1. Cal Poly students are unusually interested in religions and smart enough to analyze them fairly.
2. My fellow professors are good teachers who are interesting and smart people.
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If you could meet anyone alive or dead who would it be?

- I would love to meet two historical figures:
1. Alexander the Great: Before he was 40, he altered how all of humanity would see their world and their fellow inhabitants in ways that we still feel in the present.
 2. The Apostle Paul: His works have caused more frustration than any other religious figure; I would love to have him explain what he was thinking.

Where is your favorite place in San Luis Obispo?

Terrace hill on Bishop street near Johnson Avenue. From the top, you have a 360 degree view of SLO and all of life seems peaceful.

Where are you when you aren't teaching?

I spend a lot of time representing religion on campus and in the community. In the last four years, I have spoken 130 times in front of all kinds of audiences representing religion. In the few spare moments I have, I love wine and have been making wine with some friends in philosophy for the last four years.

What is the funniest thing you have experienced?

One of the funniest recently occurred on a trip last fall to Las Vegas. Early in the evening, I began to be confused for the rocker Sammy Hagar and it continued all night. There are a lot of people who are going to get home and look at their picture with their favorite rock star and wonder just how much to drink they must have had.

Do you have a funny, inspiring, crazy or interesting teacher you want to know more about? Send teacher suggestions to: mustangdailywire@gmail.com

With Senate seat in danger, Democrats scramble for Plan B on health reform

Noam N. Levey
TRIBUNE WASHINGTON BUREAU

WASHINGTON — With Republicans threatening to win the late Edward M. Kennedy's Massachusetts Senate seat and deny Democrats a filibuster-proof majority, White House officials and Democratic congressional leaders are contemplating a major strategy shift to finish health care overhaul without further Senate action.

Under this strategy, House Democrats, who passed a health care bill in November, would be called on to approve the version that cleared the Senate just before Christmas, rather than continue to negotiate compromises over provisions on which the two houses differ.

House passage of the Senate version would allow President Barack Obama to sign the overhaul quickly, without requiring another vote in the Senate. If Republican Scott Brown wins Tuesday's special election in Massachusetts, Senate Democrats would no longer have the 60 votes needed to prevent a GOP filibuster.

To placate House liberals, many of whom feel Senate leaders made too many concessions to win over conservative Democrats, the Senate would then be asked to pass separate bills to satisfy some of the liberals' demands, including scaling back a new tax on high-end "Cadillac" health plans. These Senate votes could be held under special procedural rules that would prevent filibusters.

But this strategy remains highly controversial and carries major political risks: It could further irritate House liberals, discourage the party's progressive base going into the November elections, and open Obama and congressional Democrats to charges that they rammed through health care despite a rebuff by voters in one of the party's most impregnable bastions.

"Both progressives and conservatives in the House caucus won't go for it," one senior Democratic aide warned Monday, speaking on condition of anonymity because of the explosive nature of the issue.

"None of this is ideal," Larry C. McNeely II, Health Care Advocate for the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, a leading consumer group, acknowledged.

As strategy discussions intensified, Republicans stepped up their attacks. "They are going to try every way, shape and form to shove this bill down the throats of the American people," House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, said Monday in a radio interview with The Scott Hennen Show.

White House and congressional officials would not discuss any contingency plans on the record Monday, as party leaders mounted a last-minute effort to salvage Coakley's campaign.

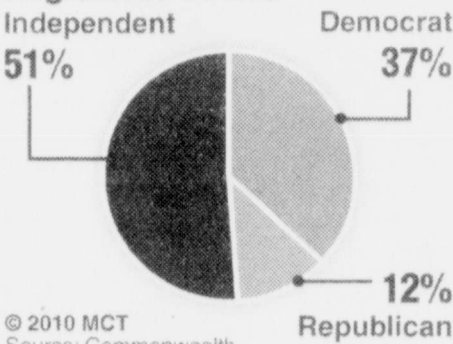
Over the weekend, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said the administration remains focused on reconciling differences between the House and Senate bills in preparation for votes in both chambers on compromise legislation.

"We think Martha Coakley is going to win this race," Gibbs

Massachusetts voters

Independent voters will play a large role in Tuesday's special election to fill the late Edward Kennedy's vacant Senate seat.

Registered voters



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said.

A GOP victory in Massachusetts would leave the Senate Democratic caucus with just 59 members, one shy of the 60-vote supermajority necessary to overcome a GOP-led filibuster. (The caucus includes two independents).

Every Republican voted against the Senate health care bill last month. And few Democratic strategists believe it would be possible to persuade a GOP senator to cross the aisle at the 11th hour.

Maine Sen. Olympia Snowe, a centrist Republican who backed a health care bill in the Senate Finance Committee last fall and would be considered the most likely candidate, was highly critical of the Senate legislation last month.

She has not been involved in discussions to develop a compromise between the House and Senate bills.

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SLO's Chinatown welcomes new addition Chow



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Chow restaurant opened on Monterey St. in November. It features a combination of Asian cuisines on the menu.

Sean Hanrahan
MUSTANG DAILY

At first glance, the simplified, bright blue façade of the restaurant lends its appeal to something other than traditional Chinese, Vietnamese or Southeast Asian eatery. Chow, San Luis Obispo's newest addition in Asian dining, is a combination of cuisines, blending traditional regional ingredients, served in an upscale presentation with a twist of imagination.

Chow, which opened in November, was created by Robin and Shanny Covey. In 1985, Robin and his business partner Shanny opened Robin's in Cambria, and later introduced Novo, with an international blend concept.

In 2006, Novo closed its doors while being retrofitted, and "Little Chow," as Robin calls it, opened next to the Palm Theatre in what remains of San Luis Obispo's Chinatown. Popular and celebrated, Little Chow was the first phase of the restaurant that has now been expanded on Monterey Street. Once Novo reopened, Little Chow

closed and efforts were redirected again to the San Luis Obispo lounge and restaurant.

"I thought Chow was going to be another run-of-the-mill, average take on Chinese or Vietnamese food," journalism sophomore Evan Stoecker said. "After I had the crab and the duck, I noticed the flavors had a quality that you knew required substantial time and effort."

What sets this restaurant apart from others is the unique attention to detail and noticeable artistry on and off the plate.

As you enter Chow, an open interior with a bamboo rock garden lit by skylights separates the restaurant and bar space.

Slightly out of the ordinary is the restaurant's Tatami room, a traditionally Japanese enclosed setting, in which guests are welcome to sit on the floor while they eat.

Novo chef Justin Gabbert heads the kitchen at Chow. Covey described his experiments with menus as a "shoot-from-the-hip" tactic.

"I never quite know what I want to do until I've tried it," he

said. "Chow is really proud to source many ingredients from local farms and producers. I often walk the farmers' markets and pick a variety of produce to use in our kitchens. The great part is that we special order much of our spices and harder to locate items through local distributors and we are able to trade between restaurants."

Covey said he is proud to prepare house-made noodles for his dishes, despite the grueling, laborious task of doing so each day. To him, the difference is the definition of his restaurants: preparing quality ethnic foods while reinventing the experience.

Chow's stir-fried marinated beef (more of a chow mein) is among the most frequently ordered dishes. Even more decadent are the Kalbi short ribs with kimchi, Jasmine white rice, and julienned carrots and onions with stir-fried sugar snap peas.

To start, savor the spring rolls filled with rice noodles, lettuce, fresh herbs, daikon, cucumber, car-

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Beauty and judgment in the dating site era



We face judgment every day, especially from people we don't actually know. Your professor could judge you based on your lack of understanding of "Crime and Punishment," someone on the bus could disapprove of your choice of clothes, hairstyle or music, or the cashier at the drugstore could judge your purchase of lube and candy canes. Usually, these people are fairly polite human beings who will respectfully keep their criticism to themselves.

However, on beautifulpeople.com, the rules are different. This controversial dating Web site has an application that consists of posting a photo of yourself and letting everyone who is already a member vote for your approval or rejection. Why so strict about who they let in? The site argues that "people want to be with someone they are attracted to."

Well, they're pretty damn right about that. It's almost universal to want to find the person you are looking for without "filtering through unattractive people." But who is unattractive?

Since dating Web sites originated, smaller sites have decided to be more selective with their focus. If you absolutely must date a Jew, there's more than one site to find one, as well as sites that center themselves on nearly every other quality from age to weight.

There has been some controversy as to whether such restrictions are fair, especially when the restriction is hard to define, such as "attractiveness" or "beauty." How can a simple questionnaire determine if you are fit to belong to "an exclusively beautiful community?"

The rating system that BeautifulPeople uses is supposed to allow members to "define their ideal of beauty in a democratic way," by rating new members on a scale of zero to three. This concept seems incredibly counter-intuitive. Everyone has differences in taste, so it makes no sense that a vote, democratic or otherwise, would be able to come up with a group of people that absolutely everyone is attracted to. True, most of us have the same general ideas of what is attractive, but what if you miss out on meeting the love of your life because a couple hundred people thought his teeth were too uneven? Why risk the Web site filtering out the wrong people?

Of course, there is a simple fix for this problem. They need only let everyone join and then let each individual person evaluate people as they browse. Oh, wait, that's a regular dating site.

As some of you may have read in the Mustang Daily last week, BeautifulPeople made the news when it revoked the membership of more than 5,000 people who had gained weight over the holiday season. These members responded in outrage as they were once again subjected to a test they had already passed, but now seemed destined to fail with the help of their holiday stuffing. The world audience was torn between tittering at the woes of the newly chunky, lamenting about how much focus is put on appearances and dashing to their computer to try to get into the site themselves.

I applied and became one of the 20 percent of applicants who are accepted. Good for me, I suppose. I signed up for the hell of it, and the site is little more than amusement to me. I'm definitely not interested in dating Brian, who is apparently the only other beautiful person in San Luis Obispo. Also, I could only find about 200 gay people on the site, which gives me even lower odds than just wandering downtown.

Pretty much the only entertainment I get out of it is rating the potential members, and what bittersweet entertainment it is. I tend to be a generous voter, but after my evaluation is finished, I am horrified to see the votes already cast. Nine times out of 10, the vast majority of these votes are red X's, meaning a zero — a grade of F in the class of beauty. And these are not hideous monsters. I wish I could show you pictures of the rejected — it's sobering stuff. Normalcy is obviously not accepted at such an "elite" site.

Apparently great numbers of beautiful people will not accept any sort of deformity in their ranks, and they tell the applicants that with their votes. This is why I feel no pity for the 5,000 who were ejected from the site. They willingly joined a site, the membership of which was based solely on appearance.

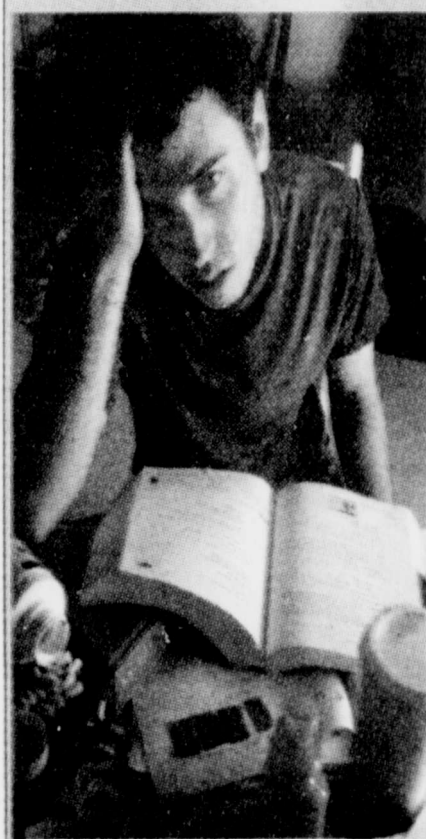
They rejected others because of flaws and must be willing to practice what they preach. If looks are so important to them, maybe they should take drastic action to "fix" their bodies, as unhealthy as that is. Or possibly consider returning to a world where loosely defined "beauty" is not the sole criteria for falling in love. Isn't that what this was all about?

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Golden Globes has lost its sense of humor

Tom Maurstad

THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

The Golden Globes awards show was hilarious fun, full of not-ready-for-prime-time silliness and open-bar-primed celebrities. At least it used to be, back before the Oscars-industrial complex turned it into the official warm-up event

of Hollywood's big night.

Now that it's treated as a Serious Event, the thrill, not to mention the fun, is gone.

So Sunday night's 67th Annual Golden Globes was an almost entirely fun-free event. There were no rambling speeches given by obviously inebriated stars, no winners caught heading to the bathroom

when their names were called, as in the glory days of shows gone by.

The closest we came to the former was Kevin Bacon, who may have just been flustered at winning, offering a few weirdly elliptical remarks. And the closest we got to the latter was James Cameron, complaining during his

speech that he needed to go to the bathroom.

The big hope for fun was the selection of Ricky Gervais as host. The man has built his brand on being a say-anything lampooner of Hollywood, show business, famous people and people in general. He's a man with nothing to lose; surely, he was going to make with the fun and mayhem.

Alas, no. He opened the show with a funny enough monologue, taking a shot at host network NBC (following up on his blistering appearance on Conan O'Brien's "Tonight Show" last Thursday). Then he made a couple of body-part jokes, poked fun at actors and closed with another shot at NBC.

But after that, he was little seen, just doing an occasional bit in which he mustered half-hearted snarkiness.

His one breakthrough moment came when he appeared with a glass of beer and went into a routine about drinking. What seemed like just some fun about the open-bar party atmosphere turned suddenly sharp and spot-on when he concluded: "I like a drink as much as the next guy, unless the next guy is Mel Gibson." Zing. With that, he introduced Gibson to present the best director award.

Long and winding acceptance speeches used to be an essential

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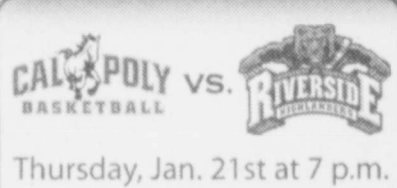


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Meryl Streep won the award for Best Actress in a Comedy or Musical for "Julie and Julia," a film in which she plays the late chef Julia Child.

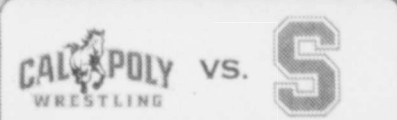
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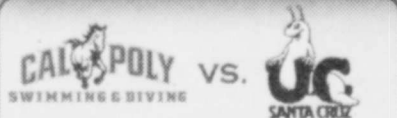
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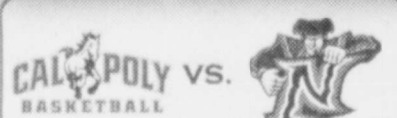
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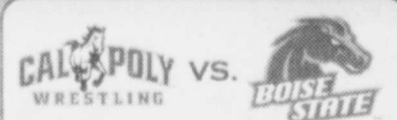
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rots and sweet chili sauces, served with peanuts and a ginger-soy syrup. The amount of flavor that is packed into these rice paper-wrapped rolls is surprising.

Next, order the spicy Chinese chili crab. This dish is spicy, but not overpowering, and will be the subject of the night's conversation. Don't forget to order a foreign beer or glass of wine to accompany the flavors; the list of beverages is extensive.

"I never had crab before. I wasn't sure if this would be too fishy, meaty, lean. I was pleasantly surprised and would definitely consider ordering crab in the future," Stoecker said.

A hearty dish to share (most of the entrees are family style so sharing is ideal) is the duck. Sweet and tender, this dish is served with delicate crepes to go along with the hoisin sauce instead of the ordinary plum sauce. Wrap the crepe around pieces of the meat, and it's like eating Asian tapas.

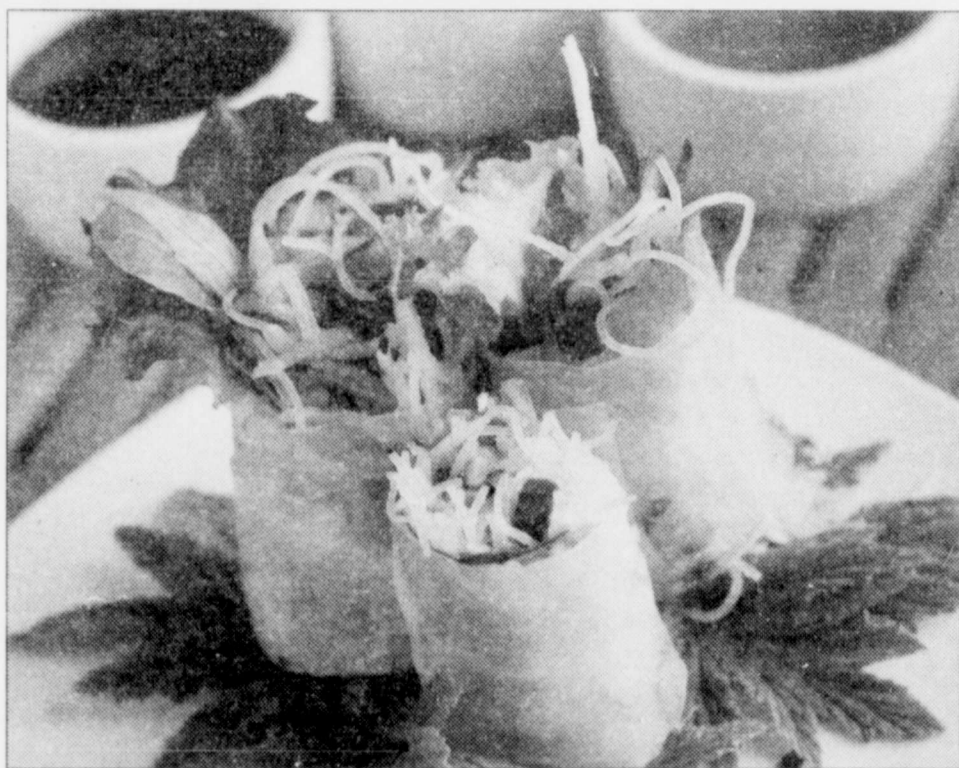
Chow's price points are lower than Novo (about \$13 per entrée, the highest being \$22). For an even better deal, grab lunch specials Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Chow is located at 1009 Monterey St. in downtown San Luis Obispo.



COURTESY PHOTOS

The dining room at Chow features a bamboo rock garden and Asian-style wall art (above). Below, Chow's rice paper-wrapped spring rolls.



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part of the evening's entertainment. Woe unto the lesser luminary who dared offer more than a few words Sunday night. When the music started to swell as "Mad Men" creator Matthew Weiner was just beginning, it was a heavy-handed offense. Especially when Drew Barrymore got to burble and gasp and flutter on and on.

Best speech honors go to Robert Downey Jr., who started by declaring: "If you play violins, I will tear this joint apart," and went on to say he wasn't going to thank anyone — "They needed me." Of course, he then went on to graciously not thank all the important people in his life.

Classiest speech honors are a tie. Jeff Bridges was genuine and touching in his unscripted reflections. And Michael C. Hall, wearing a black knit cap, a reminder to viewers of his recent bout with cancer, said not a word about it in his acceptance speech, a nice touch of class and restraint at an awards show.

Gervais ended the show with the joke of turning a wish for peace on Earth into a shameless pitch for his new TV show. But it was too little, too late. In the end, the best thing about this year Golden Globes' telecast was that it ended on time.

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There are a myriad of ways to be a part of sustainability

If you have ever thought of learning more about sustainability on campus, now is the time. The Empower Poly Coalition is Cal Poly's largest sustainability group on campus, comprised of 27 sustainability clubs working collectively to embody and empower students. You may remember the organization for its major efforts in putting on Focus The Nation, the largest student teach-in in Cal Poly's history that underscored the importance of political leaders taking action on climate change policy. Since that time, Empower Poly has been dedicated to several key initiatives, events and outreach campaigns to further develop sustainability on campus. Here is a list of Empower Poly's current programs.

Focus SLO Earth Week 2010

During the week of April 20-25th, Empower Poly will be hosting an event called Focus SLO: Earth Week 2010. We will be developing a website to showcase all of the events happening in San Luis Obispo on and around Earth day, April 22nd. If you or your organization is planning an event for Earth Day, please contact the Empower Poly Coalition to find out how you can be a part of Focus SLO 2010.

ESLP (Education For Sustainable Living Program)

Empower Poly is currently talking about working on a program called the Education For Sustainable Living Program (ESLP). The program will include the development of a sustainable living class that will be taught by renowned guest lecturers. The program will be one unit, and we are currently looking into offering the class in the Fall of 2010. We are looking for teachers and students who are interested in helping establish the Education for Sustainable Living Program.

TGIF (The Green Initiative



Fund)

Empower Poly is spearheading a project called The Green Initiative Fund (TGIF) that will serve as a grant-making fund. When enacted, it will attribute funds for student-led sustainability projects at Cal Poly. The proposed \$5 increase in tuition fees will go to the funding of projects such as renewable energy, small-scale energy efficiency building retrofits, water conservation measures, sustainable transportation, expanding recycling/composting and sustainability internships. With the proposed \$5 increase in tuition

fees, approximately \$300,000 would be made available for the funding of these projects every year. Students, faculty and staff are eligible to submit project proposals. Check out www.tgifcalpoly.com for more information.

Take Back The Tap Campaign

The Empower Poly Coalition is teaming up with members of the Take Back The Tap Campaign on campus to develop policies banning plastic bottles and bags on campus. Students, faculty and staff are working together to take

back the tap. Concerned students are developing relationships with campus dining to understand the methods for reducing the amount of plastic waste that Cal Poly generates.

Real Food Challenge

The Real Food Challenge is a campaign that seeks to increase the procurement of real food on campus to 20 percent real food by 2020. Cal Poly's organic farm has the potential to far exceed the goals set forth by this campaign, and we could be a pilot campus for how to grow sustainable and organic foods at a university.

The Real Food Challenge serves as both a campaign at Cal Poly, and a network of hundreds of universities across the nation. In order to better understand if we can meet this goal, Empower Poly has been researching the percentage of food sold on campus based on what is considered "real food."

Campus Composting

The Cal Poly Zero Waste Program aims at reducing the solid waste our campus sends to the landfill by enhancing the composting and recycling program. The program's goal is to educate students on campus about the importance of recycling/composting and how they can practice waste reduction at home.

Drop by an Empower Poly Coalition meeting to learn more about sustainability on campus, or send an email to empowerpolycoalition@gmail.com. Weekly meetings are Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in Engineering IV building, room 192.

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If you'd like to contribute to "The Green Spot," let us know at mustangdaily@gmail.com.



TIM BRINTON NEWSART



My question is: Why did Veritas choose two defenders of evolution who seemed to have little idea of how it works, what evidence exists and why we should believe it? Which was Veritas more concerned with: having a balanced debate or having a debate where everyone present believed in God and/or the Bible? It seems to me pretty clear where their priorities

were placed.

—Chris

In response to "Veritas Forum open to all views"

Only by focusing our resources on most likely threats can we have any expectation of safety. Israel's practices for 30 years have shown that. It is unfortunate that many innocent people will be inconvenienced and essentially given less rights than others, simply due to religious preference and ethnic origin.

—Lance

In response to "For added airport security, U.S. should take pointers from abroad"

If the Veritas committee wants to bring a worthy discussion of 'truth' to Cal Poly, why did you fill the speaking position of the "atheistic evolutionist" (who I assumed would be challenging the majority of the Veritas audience as the only non-Christian speaker on stage) with a speaker who could not seem to get a single point across clearly? The mini-lecture on evolution was a mess, with highlight-

ed vocabulary promoting the idea of intelligent design that made me further doubt Dr. Rainbow's ability to be an 'atheistic' contributor.

—Misha

In response to "Veritas Forum open to all views"

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Vote for freedom and get involved



I'm not sure people realize how huge of an impact government can have on our lives. The government has the power to do just about anything, from taxing you a few percentage points here and there on your purchases with a sales tax, to taking thousands of dollars with income or property taxes, to imprisoning you and even in some cases, taking your life.

Despite all that, it can often be quite easy to turn a blind eye to government activities. We pay our taxes to go along with the rules. We let officials appropriate that money as they see fit, whether or not we agree. We let government regulate business, which might not seem to affect us at all. It's big topics like health care or immigration that tend to get a lot of people interested, and yet all too often, we feel powerless over the direction the government is moving. This cycle must be broken: We must cease letting the legislature pass laws we disagree with and then moving on and never coming back to get rid of them. We need legislators who will write laws that make sense for the American people and who will also repeal all the horrible laws on the books. The key here is remembering how these politicians got into office in the first place.

Sometimes all the candidates on a ballot seem the same. Whether they're Democrat or Republican, they all seem to pass more laws, spend more money and continue down the same path we've been on for quite some time now. It really is a shame that there aren't better candidates out there, people who are trustworthy and stand for real values and principles, rather than doing whatever it takes to get them elected and re-elected.

I think there are, and have been, some genuinely good candidates out there such as Ron Paul, Rand Paul, Peter Schiff and Debra Medina, but they are generally few and far between. It would be nice to see more people running for office so that we have more people to choose from and aren't left with the situation that we see all too often: people voting for the lesser of two evils. When we are continually voting for the lesser of two evils, we are still getting evil, which is com-

pounded over time and eventually leads our country down a road we really shouldn't be traveling on.

I'd love to see more people run for office, even if just for local positions, and try to make a difference in our government. Americans voted for change in 2008, and yet judging by the president's recent poll numbers, it would seem people are disappointed with the candidate running under that banner. It's about time we see some candidates stand for real change and actually be that change we want once they are sworn into office.

The state primary election is coming up in June and the application deadline has not yet passed. Maybe you personally aren't willing to run for office, but perhaps you know somebody who you think would be good at it. Maybe you know somebody who can't seem to stop yelling at their television and regularly starts debates about policy. Perhaps they aren't politically connected, have never held a position in government before, and wouldn't be a typical candidate; I think this is a huge advantage at this point in time as this is what I believe the American public is starved for. We want to see real, down to earth people in office.

After George Washington had served his second term as president, he decided to step down from power. What a remarkable move for a man who could have held onto his power. Today we see the opposite: politicians grasping for more and more power all the time by violating the Constitution and the rule of law left and right, and in some cases (Michael Bloomberg) even campaigning for the law to be changed so that they might have more power.

America needs representatives of and for the people. We need representatives who respect the Constitution and the rule of law. We need leaders who will stand for freedom above all else. The future well-being of our country demands it.

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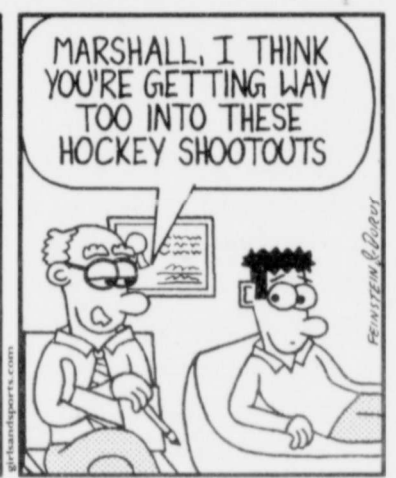
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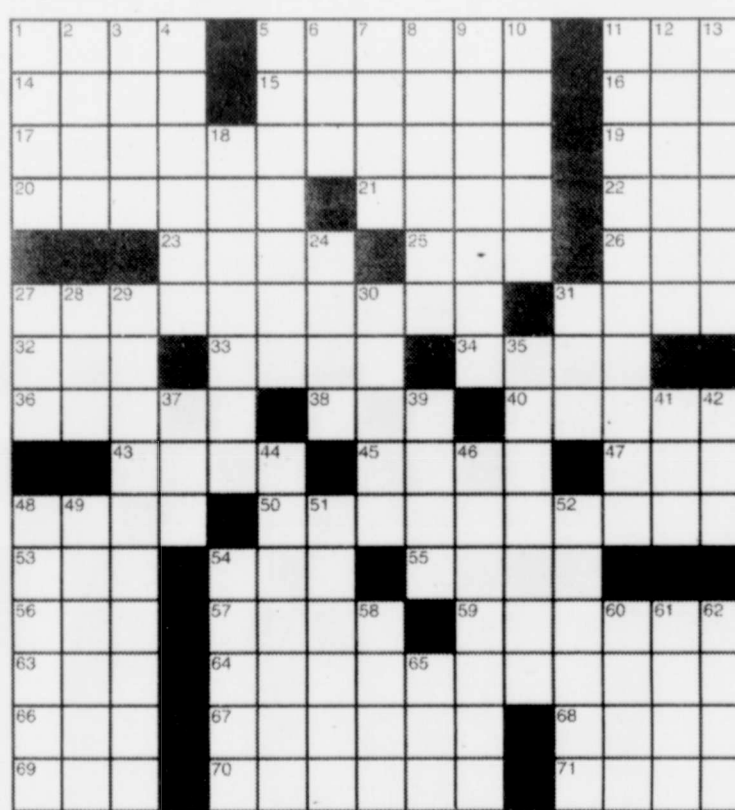
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 - 17 Zealous sort whose schedule may include 27-, 50- and 64-Across
 - 19 Cyclotron bit
 - 20 Weapon using high-arcing ammo
 - 21 Morale booster
 - 22 Early second-century year
 - 23 Desktop picture
 - 25 Japanese dramatic form
 - 26 Suffix with chlor- or sulf-
 - 27 See 17-Across
 - 31 Head honcho
 - 32 Spitfire-flying grp.
 - 33 Rapper Kanye
 - 34 Tax investigator, for short
 - 36 Port of old Rome
 - 38 A/C fig.
 - 40 Spin doctor's concern
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 - 47 Barker
 - 48 Like bad losers
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 - 53 Printers' measures
 - 54 London facility
 - 55 Greek counterpart of Mars
 - 56 Blond shade
 - 57 River of Florence
 - 59 Material thing
 - 63 "Mamma ___!"
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eventually score, and you will lose," said linebacker Shawne Merriman.

A Chargers kicker named Nate Kaeding, after successfully connecting on 69 consecutive field-goal attempts from 40 yards or closer, missed both of his attempts in that range.

"It's going to be a tough few months," Kaeding said.

A Chargers discipline that had resulted in the fewest penalties in team history during the regular season, 78, dissolved into 10 penalties that led to two Jets scores.

"It's one thing to lose, but to lose like this?" Merriman said. "This hurts."

This is the kind of loss that eventually cost coach Marty Schottenheimer his job after the 2006 season, when the Chargers blew a 14-2 regular-season record by losing to the visiting New England Patriots in a similar divisional play-off game.

Norv Turner, you're up.

The colorless Chargers coach, whose approach seems in direct contradiction to his team's sparkling talent, was the boss when the Chargers were embarrassed last January in Pittsburgh.

He suffers a more direct hit here, maybe even eventually a job-ending one? Because the loss cut right to the heart of what Turner does best.

He calls the plays. And the play-calling stunk.

From Antonio Gates across the middle to Malcolm Floyd down the side to Vincent Jackson everywhere, San Diego quarterback Philip Rivers clearly had his choice of fresh connections against an undersized Jets secondary.

Then why did Turner insist on fastening his team to the weary legs of Tomlinson?

The Chargers gained 51 yards passing on their only first-half scoring drive and had used the air to outgain the Jets, 157-12, at one point in the second quarter.

But seemingly every drive included an off-tackle run by the Chargers' faded star, who plodded repeatedly into the heart of the Jets' defense before disappearing under a pile of green.

On nine of the 11 Chargers drives, Tomlinson carried the ball at least once. Yet he averaged only two steps per carry, finishing with 24 yards rushing, damaging the Chargers far worse than the Jets.

The silliness of Turner's vision was finally, roundly booed on the first play of the Chargers' first drive after the Jets had taken a 10-7 lead in the fourth quarter.

Yeah, they gave the ball to Tomlinson. And, yeah, he gained one yard.

Said Tomlinson: "Yeah, I heard them."

When asked if he thought he stuck with the running game too long, Turner kept grinding.

"No, I don't," he said. "With this group, if you turn it into just a pass every down, it gets tough."

So the Chargers played scared. And the results were frightening.

That USC kid, Mark Sanchez, was set free long enough to throw a scrambling, go-ahead two-yard touchdown pass on what everybody thought would be a run.

That league-best Jets' running attack was allowed to keep pounding enough to finally break through with Shonn Greene's 53-yard clinching touchdown dash, a sprint that was set up by, you guessed it, a Sanchez pass.

The Jets played as if they had nothing to lose, and they didn't. The Chargers played as if they had everything to lose, and they lost it all.

And don't think the locals don't know it.

"Coach (Rex) Ryan had his team ready and they won," said Cooper, who pointedly did not mention his own boss, officially beginning another winter of finger-pointing and coach-grilling.

As always, the San Diego Chargers are a nice team to visit.

As always, you wouldn't want to live here.

Oddister

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mom, Karen, said her youngest son practically grew up on the basketball bench, "hanging on" to the leg of his older brother as a child. In between being used as a "babe magnet" by his older brother, Odister was often seen with a basketball in his hands, watching his brother play in travel leagues before joining one himself.

"He's been sitting on the bench since he was an infant," Karen said. "He's always played basketball, and he's always been drawn more to basketball than he has anything else. We kind of had a sense that he was going to play basketball somewhere."

Like most athletes, Odister started playing many sports at a young age before discovering his favorite. His older brother Deshawn remembers Odister was 6 years old when he first played in a church league with carpet as the court and hoops that stood six feet high.

"What I remember is him getting the rebound and going coast to coast every single time," Deshawn said. "And I just remember myself being on the sidelines and telling him to 'Dunk it, dunk it!' He was having a blast."

Off the court, Odister is the teammate and friend not afraid to make jokes, do "little dances" or play tricks on family mem-

bers, something Karen said he was notorious for when he was younger. He enjoys watching "Law and Order: SVU" with his teammate and roommate, Ryan Pemberton. Odister is a self-proclaimed "shoe fanatic," and is quietly excited about the prospect of making the All-Freshman Conference team this year. Like many students though, he is living the college freshman life. He eats dinner quickly when his parents come to visit so he can leave to hangout with friends, calls his mom once a week so she knows he's doing OK, and has a family that is proud of him for his work ethic and determination to achieve his goals.

"I'm proud of him and I think that with his hard work and determination that he's showing right now in his first year, the sky's the limit for him if he just keeps with that work ethic and listening to the coaching staff," Deshawn said.

He's a Cal Poly Mustang athlete, a freshman student navigating the ways of dorm life and a "positive addition" to the men's basketball family.

"He's stepped up and hit lots of end-of-the-shot-clock shots that are high pressure that most people, whether a freshman or whether a senior, will take a great amount of focus," Darling said. "He's able to stay focused and make those when we need him. I think he'll be a future leader and he's starting to develop that leadership with the confidence that he plays with."

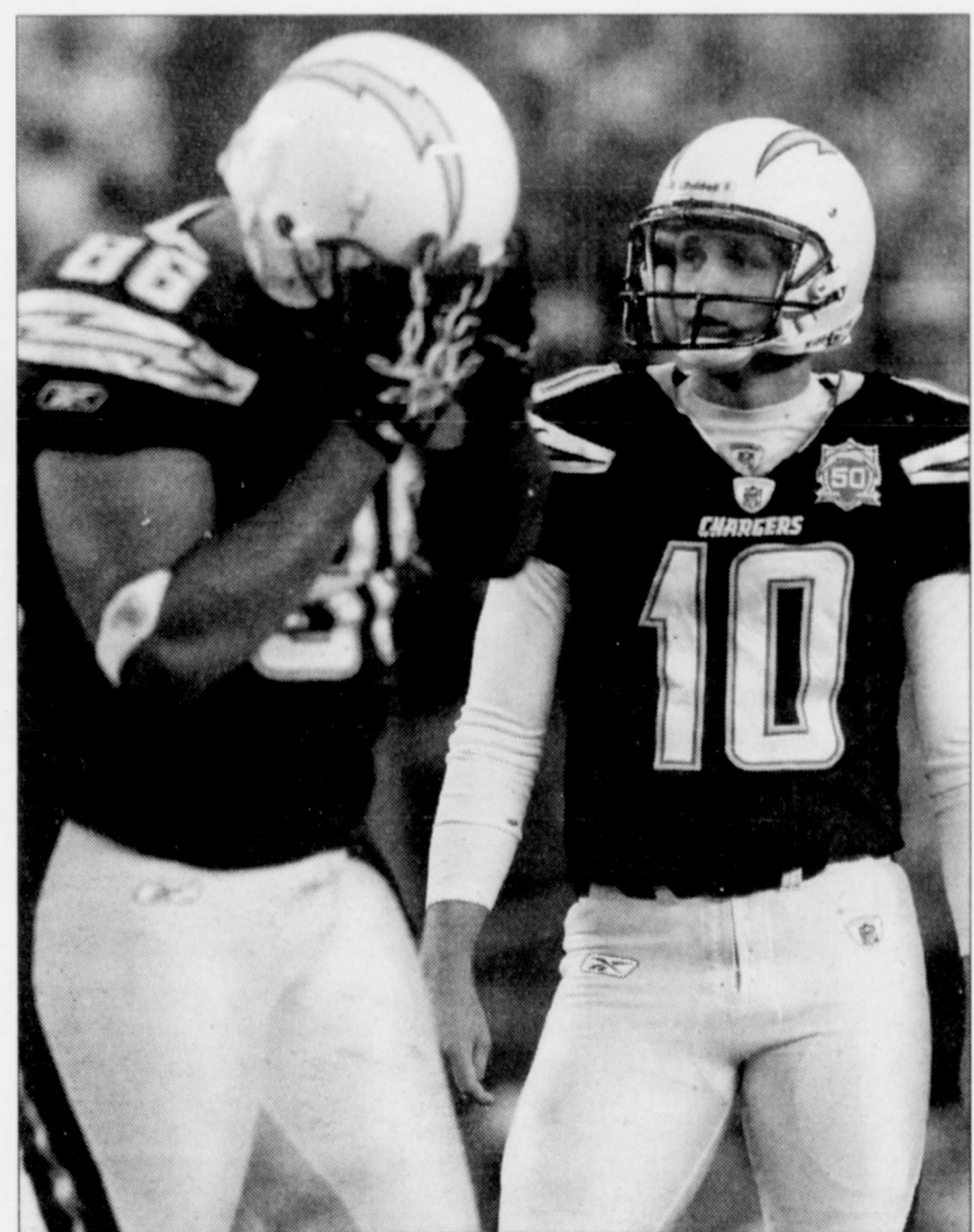
But if you ask Odister, he's just a guy who's working to achieve his goals.

"I just want to make it to the (NCAA) tournament," he said. "At least get to the Sweet 16 or something. I'm trying to go play in the big lights, it's what I've always wanted to do."

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Kicker Nate Kaeding had kicked 20 field goals without recording a miss coming into the game against the Jets. On Sunday, he missed three. Kaeding also had a streak of 69-straight field goals under 40 yards come to an end.



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Freshman guard forces his way into a starting role

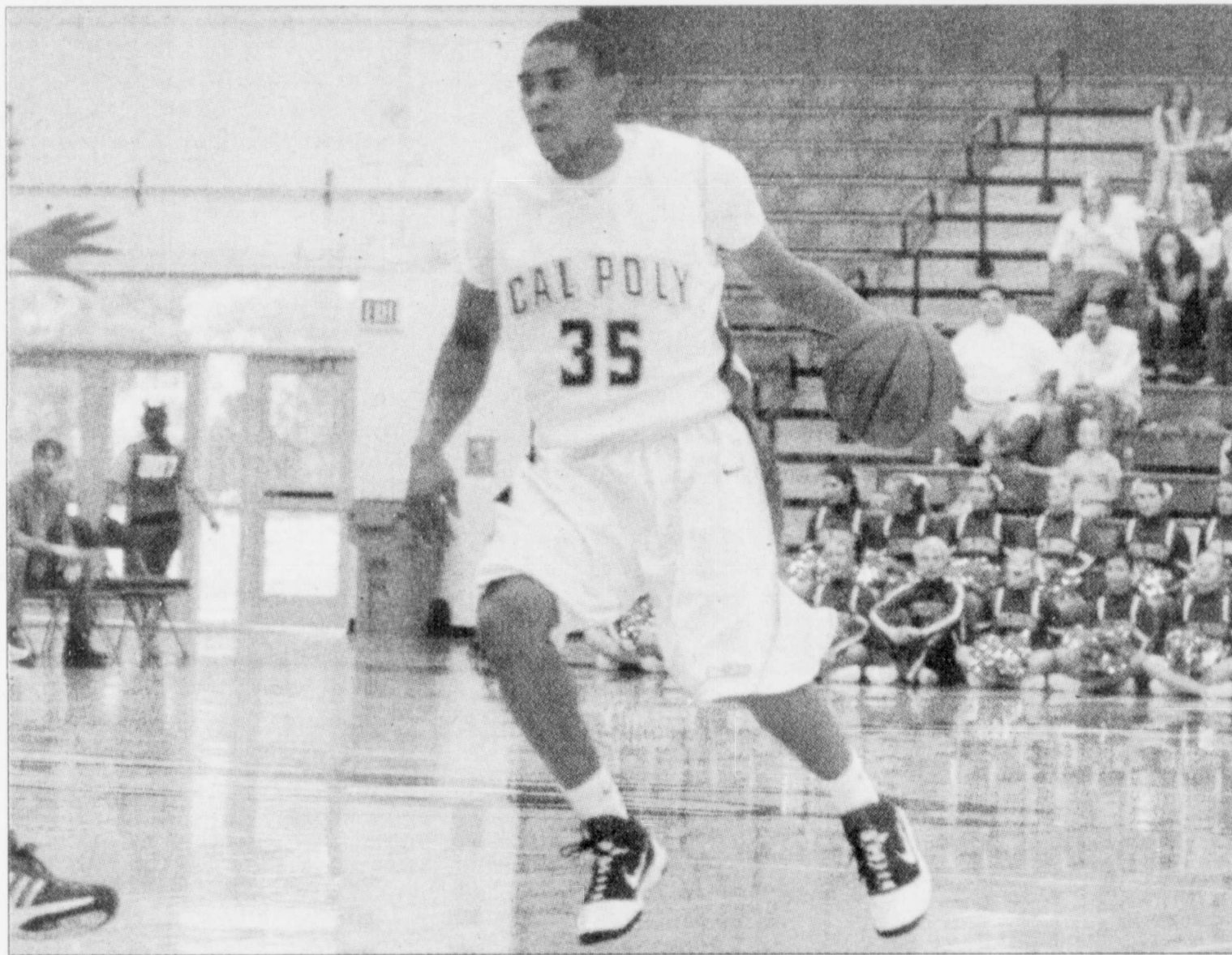
Leticia Rodriguez
MUSTANG DAILY

To the people who don't know Kyle Odister, he is a soft spoken, shy college freshman, excited about playing college basketball. To the family, friends and teammates who know him, however, he is the energetic, "fun-loving guy" who idolizes his brother and listens to "Party in the USA" by Miley Cyrus before games.

"We hear it in the locker room, we hear it on the bus. He loves that song," freshman center Ryan Darling said. "It just gets him pumped up or something. Whenever he has his headphones on we're always like, 'Hey, you listening to Miley right now?'"

"Noddin' his head like Yeah! and movin' his hips like Yeah!," Odister is fitting right into the land of collegiate sports. The freshman point guard has worked his way to a starting position for the Cal Poly men's basketball team this season, by stepping up to the expectations of a coach not afraid to push his athletes.

"One of the most difficult positions in basketball, in college basketball, is to be away from home, be a freshman, be a starting point guard for a coach that's very demanding," head coach Joe Callero said. "I think he's handling it well right now."



NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY FILE PHOTO

Freshman Kyle Odister started this season on the bench, but after three games worked his way into the starting lineup. Odister is shooting 44 percent from long range and scored a career-high 23 points against UC Irvine.

As a starting freshman on a team of juniors and seniors, Odister has become a "verbal leader" on the court when it comes to calling out plays for the Mustang defense,

Callero said, before adding that one thing the coaching staff tries not to do is evaluate a player based on his year or position, but by his performance in practice and his

ability to grasp what the coaches are teaching. Callero said Odister is getting more confident as the season continues and is handling the demands of a collegiate athlete

well.

"So far, he's met up to the challenge (but) there's no limits to improvement and there's no limits to how much better Kyle can get. There's no limit to how much better our team could get," Callero said.

The challenge of competitive basketball isn't a new concept for Odister. The 6-foot shooter has been playing on travel teams since the age of 11. Entering into his senior year of high school, he was ranked as the No. 114 point guard in the nation by ESPN. At the time, the network praised Odister's jump shot as "textbook" and his landing as "extremely smooth."

In his last high school basketball season, Odister transferred to New Hampton School in New Hampton, New Hampshire, where he competed against athletes already signed to top basketball schools.

"I had a dude on my team who was 20, so my whole team was like already committed to schools. They go to Oral Roberts, Tulane and Michigan," Odister said. "And we played guys going to Connecticut, and Xavier, so it was basically like a college atmosphere already when I played in high school."

But, Odister's basketball career started long before he was playing with Division 1 picks. Odister's

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Call them the stupor chargers, San Diego disappoints again

Bill Plaschke
LOS ANGELES TIMES

SAN DIEGO — Another great regular season, another January, another playoff game, and San Diego again finds a way to lose. This time the Chargers fall to the underdog Jets, 17-14.

For the final four months of every year, they are the finest attraction in America's Finest City, sunny and blue and positively electric.

Then, for four hours every January, they become the San Diego Boo.

It happened here again Sunday, 70,000 screaming fans falling head-first into football's biggest tourist trap, the San Diego Chargers sucking everyone into finally believing that they could hang with post-season pressure.

Well, once again, the Bolts bolted. They ran from an 11-game win

streak. They ran from the league's most talented offense. They ran from everything that made them one of the Super Bowl favorites until they bloodily banged into the hard wall of their history.

Welcome to Seasick World.

The team with the rookie quarterback and rookie coach and weary players scored 17 points.

The team with the home advantage and rest advantage and manpower scored 14 points.

The New York Jets upset the Chargers in the divisional playoffs at Qualcomm Stadium on a wonderfully cool afternoon that ended in the chilling black of night.

Just like last January. And the January before that. And the January before that. And two Januaries before that.

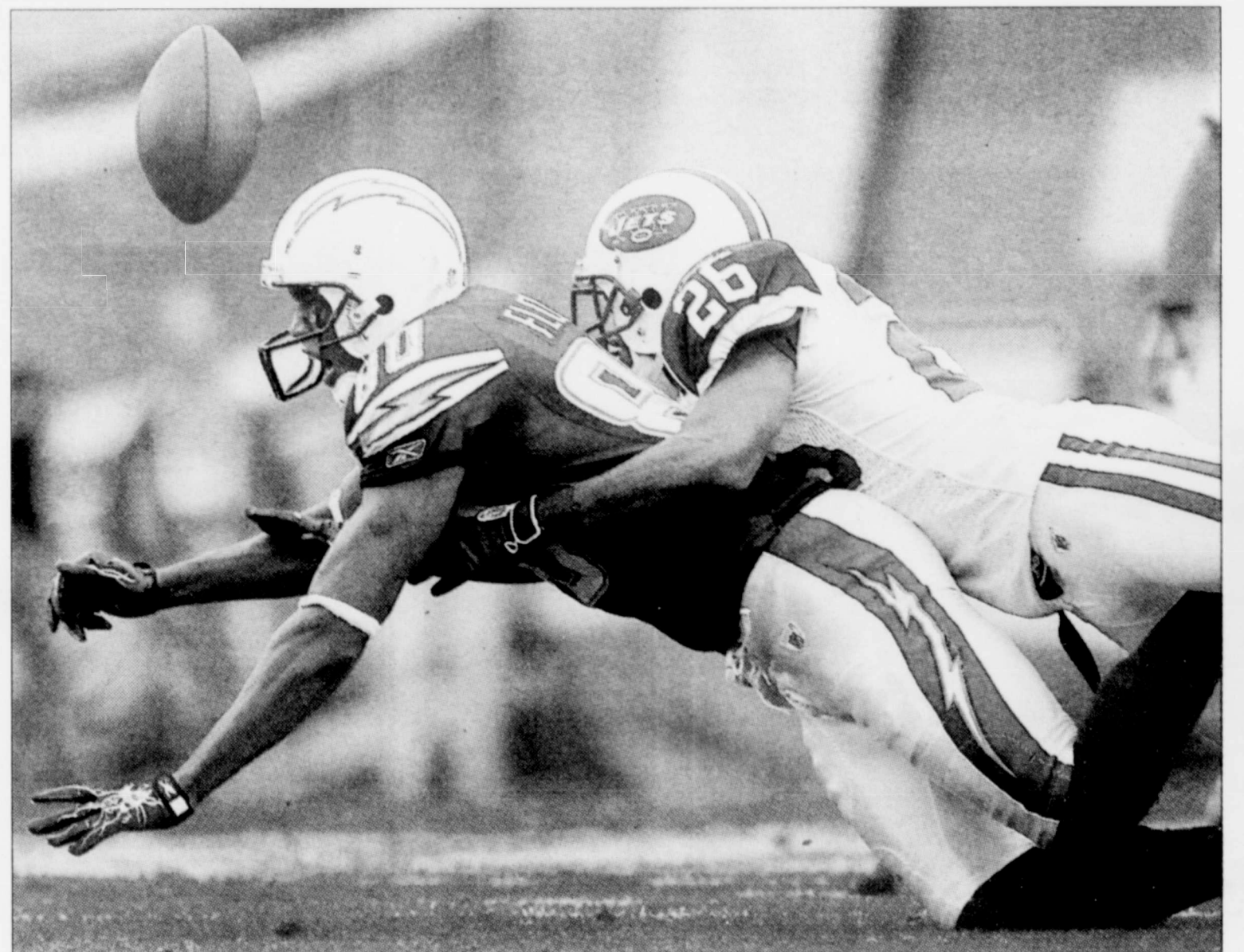
"I've been here seven seasons and the same thing happens every year," said Chargers linebacker Stephen Cooper, shaking his head in a locker room filled with the team's annual blank stares.

After some consideration, he did allow as to how this loss was different.

"This," he said, "was the worst."

He will probably get no argument from the local servicemen and women, dressed in fatigues and scowls, who futilely led Chargers cheers on the giant video scoreboard.

He will certainly get no argument from Jets who celebrated by parading giddily around the field as



MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

The San Diego Chargers rode into the playoffs with an 11-game winning streak, but failed to grab a win against the Jets. The Chargers have made the playoffs for four straight seasons, but have not advanced to a super bowl.

if it were Times Square, or Chargers fans who shouted angrily at departing players, or LaDainian Tomlinson as he fought to keep his composure.

"To lose this game, I'm at a loss for words," said the San Diego run-

ning back.

Check out the Gaglamp District.

A Chargers team that had scored at least 20 points in 22 consecutive games, the league's longest streak, barely scored twice with a conser-

vative game plan that can best be described as boneheaded.

"Your defense can hold them all you want, but if you keep giving them the ball back, they're going to

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